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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Takao MAEDA Conf.: 5515
Appl. No.: 10/618,679 Group: 1775
Filed: July 15, 2003 Examiner: JENNIFER MCNEIL
For: RARE-EARTH OXIDE THERMAL SPRAY COATED
ARTICLES AND POWDERS FOR THERMAL
SPRAYING

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P.O. Box 1450
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March 23, 2004

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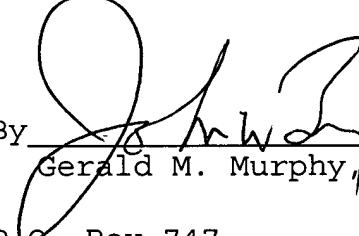
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In reply to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes Amendments to the Claims and Remarks.